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LONDON FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A), SY

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE

REF: A. SECTO 0006

B. DAMASCUS 0084

1. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE PRESIDENT ASAD HAS NOT YET RETURNED TO DAMASCUS FROM LAHORE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE. AS MENTIONED IN REFTEL B SYRIANS ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE DAMASCUS SCHEDULE UNTIL PRESIDENT RETURNS. MEANWHILE I WILL CORDINATE WITH FONOFF ON MOON ROCK PRESENTATION AND PASS ON MY RECOMMENDATIONS TO YOU TOGETHER WITH SCHEDULE SOONEST.

2. THE ONLY FIRM THING I PRESENTLY KNOW ABOUT THE SCHEDULE IS THAT THERE WILL NOT RPT NOT BE ANY SYRIAN HOSTED DINNERNIGHT ON ARRIVAL, 26 FEB.

3. FOR PURPOSES OF GUIDANCE I WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER SECRETARY IS PREPARED TO ENGAGE IN SUBSTANTATIVE TALKS IMMEDIATELY UPON ARRIVAL SHOULD SYRIANS SUGGEST THIS PROCEDURE.

4. I CAN CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THE NEED FOR GETTING SCHEDULE TO YOU ASAP AND WILL DO MY BEST TO PROVIDE IT SOONEST. MEANWHILE FOR YOUR TENATITIVE PLANNING

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PURPOSES I AM SPELLING OUT BELOW WHAT I INTEND TO

SUGGEST TO SYRIANS:

A. ARRIVAL AT DAMASCUS AIRPORT (ETA 2035 HRS LOCAL TIME)

B. IMMEDIATE DEPARTURE TO GUEST HOUSE, ARRIVING
THERE APPROXIMATELY 2120 HRS.

C. SUBSTANTIVE TALKS THAT NIGHT IF SECRETARY AND
SYRIANS AGREE OR,

D. SUBSTANTATIVE TALKS NEXT MORNING.

E. DEPARTURE ON OR ABOUT 1300 HOURS FOR TEL AVIV.

5. I AM PRECEEDING ON ASSUMPTION THAT LUNCH ON
27 FEB WILL BE SERVED ON AIRCRAFT UNLESS SECRETARY
WISHES OTHERWISE. THE ONLY OTHER FRILL THAT I
ENVISIAGE AT THIS TIME IS THE MOON ROCK PRESENTATION.
I WILL SUGGEST TO THE SYRIANS THIS SHOULD TAKE
PLACE IMMEDIATELY AT THE OUTSET OF THE SECRETARY'S MEETING
WITH PRESIDENT, WHETHER NIGHT OF ARRIVAL OR NEXT
MORNING.
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